Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 13000 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2680, as introduced, Nazarian. Water quality.

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act establishes a statewide program for the control of the quality of all the waters in the state and makes certain legislative findings and declarations.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13000 of the Water Code is amended to 2 read:
- 3 13000. The Legislature finds and declares that the all of the following:
- 5 (a) The people of the state have a primary interest in the 6 conservation, control, and utilization of the water resources of the
- 7 state, and that the quality of-all the waters of the state shall be
- 8 protected for use and enjoyment by the people of the state.
- 9 The Legislature further finds and declares that activities

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(b) Activities and factors which may affect the quality of the waters of the state shall be regulated to attain the highest water quality—which that is reasonable, considering all demands being made and to be made on those waters and the total values involved, beneficial and detrimental, economic and social, tangible and intangible.

The Legislature further finds and declares that the

(c) The health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state requires that there be a statewide program for the control of the quality of all the waters of the state; that the state must be prepared to exercise its full power and jurisdiction to protect the quality of waters in the state from degradation originating inside or outside the boundaries of the state; that the waters of the state are increasingly influenced by interbasin water development projects and other statewide considerations; that factors of precipitation, topography, population, recreation, agriculture, industry and economic development vary from region to region within the state; and that the statewide program for water quality control can be most effectively administered regionally, within a framework of statewide coordination and policy.